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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION

Under Rule 53(a), (b) & (f)

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Use for Design or Utility Applications

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Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application (☐ Design ☒ Utility) entitled:

2. (Complete) Title:

PICKED-UP-SOUND REPRODUCING METHOD AND APPARATUS

without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:

3. ☒ Abstract 1 page(s).

4. 72 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims); 5. ☐ Specification in non-English language

6. 21 Numbered claim(s); and

7. ☒ Drawings: 15 sheet(s) ☒ 1 set informal; 8. ☐ formal of size: ☐ A4 ☐ 11"

9. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1)		(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 2000-390381	December 22, 2000	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		<input type="checkbox"/> See 3 rd page for additional priorities	

11. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. _____ / filed on _____

12. ☐ This is a reissue of Patent No. _____

13. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 14 or 15.)

14. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part
☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:

14(a) ☐ National Appln. No. _____ / filed _____ .- - (M#)

14(b) ☐ International Appln. No. PCT/ _____ filed _____ which
designated the U.S., and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published
under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--

15. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application
claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/ _____, filed _____ .--

16. Extension to date: ☐ concurrently filed ☐ not needed ☐ previously filed

17. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required)

17(a) ☐ Attached: _____ (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not
essential to make claim)

17(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

18. ☐ Prior application is assigned to

by Assignment recorded _____ Reel _____ Frame _____

19. ☐ Attached:

20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) (Double check instructions for accuracy.):
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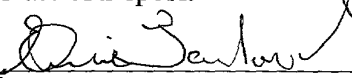
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- ☒ Patent application (72 pages of specification; 21 claims; 1 pages of abstract)
- ☒ 15 sheets of informal drawings
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